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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: INFORMATION SEARCHING APPARATUS AND METHOD, INFORMATION SEARCHING PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING THE INFORMATION SEARCHING PROGRAM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ TEN (10) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-14.
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
- ☒ The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2003-013428 filed January 22, 2003
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

[x] An Information Disclosure Statement.

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Claims	8	3	= 5 x \$ 86.00 =		430.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$ 290.00 =		<u>0.00</u>
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